

DETAILED ACTION

Status of the Application

Receipt of the Amendment after Final Office Action and Applicant's Arguments/Remarks, all filed 03/26/10 is acknowledged. The amendment has been entered.

Claims 11, 13, 18-20, 37-38, 40-41, 44, 50-55, 57-58 and 60 are pending in this action. Claims 11, 13, 18, 20, 37, 38, 40 and 50-53 have been amended. Claims 1-10, 12, 14-17, 21-36, 39, 42-43, 45-49, 56, 59, 61 and 62 have been cancelled. Claim 60 has been amended via Examiner's Amendment to correct claim dependency. Claims 11, 13, 18-20, 37-38, 40-41, 44, 50-55, 57-58 and 60 are allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

The dependency of claim 60 has been changed from "claim 59" to claim --~~58~~--.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 11, 13, 18-20, 37-38, 40-41, 44, 50-55, 57-58 and 60 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant in their Response after Final Office Action has amended the claims to overcome all of the 35 U.S.C. §112, 1st paragraph rejections of record. Namely, Applicant has amended "acid labile active compounds" to "pantoprazole sodium sesquihydrate" and has amended the term "microspheres" to "solidified drop" so as to conform with the requirements and concerns raised by the Examiner. Hence, the instant invention is rendered novel and patentable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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